# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, VISION USA (Volunteers In Service In Our Nation) is a tax exempt, nonprofit charity designed to aid the "working poor;" and,

WHEREAS, The working poor--those people who are not getting medical assistance--do not qualify for Medicare and can't afford health insurance; and,

WHEREAS, While the use of the term "working poor" has been debated, there is probably not a better term to define the target group. At this point in time, when both public and private social programs are facing their most severe challenges, this group (working poor) was noticeable as those persons who continually "fall through the cracks" of government safety nets designed to help the needy; and,

WHEREAS, The foremost goal of VISION USA is the provision of eye care to those individuals in our society who truly have no means to obtain it otherwise, and this humanitarian aspect of VISION USA is carried out through the Give-A-Day concept and continuous patient care throughout the year:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby commend the South Dakota Optometric Volunteers for their generous efforts to provide eye care to the "working poor" of South Dakota through the South Dakota Optometric Give-A-Day Program. In a highly successful program, South Dakota optometrists have provided free eye examinations and eye glasses at minimal cost to many needy South Dakota citizens. The Governor further commends the optometrists and their staffs who participated in the Give-A-Day program for donating their time and experience to ensure that quality vision care was available to every citizen of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fourth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE